

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING BRENDON THIRY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brendon Thiry of Lee's Summit, Missouri. Brendon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1255, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brendon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brendon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brendon Thiry for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### TRIBUTE TO DR. NANCY WILSON

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Dr. Nancy Wilson, the director of the Buena Vista Marshalltown Center in Marshalltown, Iowa and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment to young adults in Iowa.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Wilson has contributed her time and talents to enriching the lives of her students and guiding the direction of the Marshalltown Center. When Dr. Wilson began, the center only had 10 students but has grown to over 200 students today.

Dr. Wilson's leadership in continuing education in the community of Marshalltown will be missed, but she leaves behind lasting contributions that will continue to help students advance their education and receive a college degree. I consider it an honor to represent Dr. Nancy Wilson in the United States Congress, and I wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

### NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2008*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3036) to amend

the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes:

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3036, the No Child Left Inside Act. Last week, I inadvertently voted against this legislation, of which I am original cosponsor. I regret that error, and want to make clear that I support this reauthorization of the National Environmental Education Act—both the continuation of important programs at the Environmental Protection Agency, and newly authorized programs at the Department of Education.

Environmental education is important to our children's future, has a positive impact on their educational achievement, and also helps promote healthier lifestyles. H.R. 3036 assists state and local efforts to improve and expand upon these important goals by creating new grant programs and increasing professional development in order to ensure that environmental education is a subject area that becomes more widely and effectively practiced.

Again, I strongly support the No Child Left Inside Act, and intended to vote "yes" on its final passage.

### COMMODITY MARKETS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2008*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. speaker, I rise to thank Chairmen PETERSON and ETHERIDGE for their hard work on H.R. 6604.

Protecting consumers and ensuring that our markets work fairly are among our most vital duties as Members of Congress. For eight years, the Bush Administration has been asleep at the switch. With record foreclosures and major American companies seeking multi-billion dollar government bailouts, we are seeing the effects of this Administration's policies. It is long past time that Wall Street oversight reflects the 21st century economy.

As someone who has worked both on Wall Street and now in Congress, I know how important it is to have referees on the field to call the game. I also know how minor changes in the financial markets can have major impacts. In the current environment, it would be particularly unwise to add any further instability to the markets.

A fair and regulated system is critical to the function of our financial markets. I commend the intentions of this legislation but believe that its enactment will have unintended consequences.

I am concerned that this bill will prevent pension funds and other institutional investors from engaging in the futures market. Such a prohibition could prevent my constituents' pensions from being invested in a diverse and

safer manner. Without changes to this legislation, CalPERS, which manages the pensions of 1.5 million Californians, could be severely restricted in its ability to maximize return on investment.

As an alternative to this legislation, I have introduced H.R. 6976, the Preventing Manipulation in Commodity Markets Act of 2008. This bill is virtually identical to H.R. 6604. However, it permits pension funds to continue to invest in the futures market.

I am firmly committed to preventing manipulation of the commodity markets. H.R. 6976 enables the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to target manipulation without preventing honest investors from participating in the markets.

### TRIBUTE TO JASON THORSON

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a Mason City, Iowa resident, Jason Thorson, in rescuing a young woman from Willow Creek.

On August 5, just after 9:30 p.m., Jason Thorson and a group of friends were walking to a convenience store when they noticed a young woman standing on the bridge, just staring at the water. When he came out of the store, it was apparent that the woman jumped off the bridge, through some weeds and into the water. The young woman was not breathing and he held her head out of the water until the Mason City Police Department and the Fire Department ambulance arrived. Although Thorson had never met the woman, he said, "I just wanted to help her out. It was like a godsend that I was here and able to help."

The diligent effort of this young man is a testament to the bravery and compassion of Iowans; willing to do whatever is necessary for a neighbor in need. I commend Jason Thorson for his heroism and cooperation. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him health and happiness in the future.

### HONORING RYAN DONALDSON

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Donaldson of Liberty, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Ryan Donaldson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

# COMMODITY MARKETS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6604, the Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act.

As chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I have held two hearings on excessive speculation and its effect on energy prices.

We learned that in 2000, physical hedgers—businesses like trucking companies, airlines, and other industries that need to hedge to ensure a stable price for fuel in future months—accounted for 63 percent of the oil futures market.

Today, physical hedgers only control 19 percent of the market. Approximately 81 percent of the market has been taken over by swap dealers and speculators, a considerable majority of whom have no physical stake in the market.

Since the Enron loophole became law in 2000, there has been a dramatic shift as physical hedgers continually represent a smaller portion of the market. This excessive speculation is a significant factor in the price Americans are paying for gasoline, diesel, and home heating oil.

Just yesterday, JP Morgan's global chief investment officer, Michael Cembalest, wrote: "there was an enormous amount of speculation pent up in energy markets \* \* \* and it wasn't just the supply-demand equation. Oil will rise again, and we need solutions to energy supplies, but \$140 in July 2008 was ridiculous." Even the speculators admit they're inflating energy prices.

Last week, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, CFTC, released a report that it claims shows that speculators are not affecting prices.

However, CFTC even admits in its own report: "This preliminary survey is not able to accurately answer and quantify the amount of speculative trading occurring in the futures markets."

How can the CFTC tell Congress that speculation is not a problem if they can't even tell us how much speculation is occurring? This is a study that made its conclusions before it had the facts to back them up.

I encourage Members and those watching at home to go to the website: [accidentalhuntbrothers.com](http://accidentalhuntbrothers.com). On this website is a report by Michael Masters, 1 of 11 witnesses who testified at our June 2008 O&I hearing.

This report shows what my colleagues and I have been saying for a long time. The price of oil has become completely detached from supply and demand fundamentals.

As the report shows, it's very simple: When index speculators pour large amounts of money into commodities markets, prices go up. When these same speculators pull their money out, prices go down.

As you can see in this chart, from January through May 2008, index speculators poured more than \$60 billion into commodities, causing crude oil prices to increase \$33 a barrel.

Then, starting on July 15, 2008, index speculators reduced their investments by \$39 billion, causing prices to decrease by about \$29 a barrel.

Even more startling, index speculators completely ignored supply and demand signals.

During the first 3 months of 2008, index speculators bet on high energy prices when the Energy Information Agency, EIA, forecast increasing supply, which should mean lower prices.

In July, when EIA forecast that demand would exceed supply, a sign that oil prices should go up, index speculators began to pull \$39 billion out of the market.

Today, we face hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, civil war in Nigeria, OPEC considering production cuts, the situation in Georgia, and continuing violence in the Middle East. In the past, each of these events would have sent crude oil prices through the roof.

However, because speculators have been pulling their money out of the market, crude oil is at \$91.49 a barrel. This is \$53.67 lower than it was just 2 months ago.

If there is anyone that can show me any reason, other than speculators pulling out of these markets, that the price of crude oil should drop \$53 in 2 months, I'd like to see it.

While the Peterson bill may not have everything that I've called for in my legislation, the Prevent Unfair Manipulation of Prices, PUMP, Act, it does take significant steps to rein in excessive speculation.

The bill would strengthen position limits on regulated markets, and establish an advisory board to set position limits while still protecting physical hedgers. It addresses the foreign boards of trade loophole, and properly limits the bona fide hedging exemption to physical hedgers.

The legislation would improve the information available to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, significantly improving CFTC's ability to monitor energy markets. And, should the CFTC find excessive speculation on unregulated markets as a result, CFTC can take the steps necessary to correct it.

I was proud to support this legislation in July, when it should have passed. Unfortunately, 16 of my Republican colleagues decided to change their vote, playing politics instead of providing relief to Americans facing high energy prices.

While it has not been the only factor, speculators have seen that Congress is serious about acting to curb excessive speculation, and the markets are responding accordingly.

I urge members to continue their support for H.R. 6604, so we can continue to show speculators that Congress is serious about protecting American consumers.

I thank Chairman PETERSON and his staff for working with me and my colleagues to produce this legislation. I urge my colleagues

to vote for H.R. 6604, the Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act, to rein in excessive speculation and provide your constituents with relief from high gas prices.

## HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY, AND CORRUPTION IN KAZAKHSTAN

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to voice my concern over the current situation in Kazakhstan in spite of the Kazakhstan government's pledge to reform in areas of human rights, democracy and corruption. Kazakhstan was selected to hold the Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010, and thus it is required to uphold the standards of this organization in the fields stated above. So far, Kazakhstan has failed to do so.

Kazakhstan's government ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in 2006; it signed the Optional Protocol to ICCPR and the Optional Protocol to the U.N. Convention Against Torture (CAT) in 2007, and it has introduced some reform to the criminal justice system. In this, Kazakhstan should be applauded. However, the government has made almost no concrete progress toward implementing these pledges. As Human Rights Watch argued, "Kazakhstan is not a country with frequent or dramatic government crackdown on freedoms and human rights. One finds rather an atmosphere of quiet, subtle repression."

This "subtle repression" can be seen by the government's failure to heed the concerns of local human rights groups that have been advocating for reforms such as the review of legislation on freedom of assembly, improvements in the prison system, abolition of the death penalty, reform of the judicial system and legislation to guarantee an independent judiciary, and ensuring accountability for torture. While Kazakhstan's government is about to chair OSCE, it has resisted implementing meaningful reforms in these areas. As Dr. Andrea Berg, a Central Asia Researcher, testified to Human Rights Watch: "The government [of Kazakhstan] has certainly created a difficult environment for the exercise and promotion of human rights that is out of line with the OSCE standards and far less than what one would expect of the leadership of an organization grounded in human right principles."

Kazakhstan's president, Nursultan Nazarbayev, has been in power since 1989. He has never been elected in a vote judged free and fair by the OSCE. Ironically, last year the OSCE described a Kazakh parliamentary poll, in which a presidential party won all the seats in the lower house, as being below the required standards. While Nazarbayev is credited for bringing stability to Kazakhstan, it has come at a price, with a weak and fragmented opposition that has called on the government to reform the election and media laws and to ease restriction on public meetings. During the most recent elections, in August 2007, opposition candidates did not win a single seat.

There is a reason for the weakness of any political opposition in Kazakhstan: Since 2002,

for a political party to come into existence, the party must have an initial conference of 1,000 persons representing two-thirds of the regions of Kazakhstan and a membership of 50,000. The OSCE, the same organization that Kazakhstan will head in the near future, denounced the restrictiveness of this law and predicted that it would have "a chilling effect on the development of political pluralism in Kazakhstan."

The media, a tool of the utmost importance in any democracy, has been dominated in Kazakhstan by government loyalists, while independent journalists are threatened and harassed for criticizing the president for government policies and practices. This, no doubt, has enhanced Nazarbayev's hold on power.

As for corruption, Kazakhstan regularly ranks close to the bottom internationally. In 2007, Kazakhstan was ranked 150 out of 179 countries by "Transparency International" league table. As a United Nations report on Kazakhstan's corruption so eloquently put it: "Corruption undermines the democratic development, performance of State institutions, and efficient use of resources. Eventually, it undermines development of society, especially of its most vulnerable groups."

So why should we care? Is it because Kazakhstan is an oil-rich country? Is it because of its proximity to Russia? Perhaps. We often seem to care more about the fate of any oil-rich country, or any country that delivers oil than countries in a similar plight that do not have oil. But we should also care because we claim to be a country that promotes democracy and human rights, a country that values the individual freedoms of humans, no matter where they live, no matter what natural resources they possess, and no matter what relations they have with the US. How can we lecture the world about abiding to human rights laws, anti-corruption laws, and judicial reform, when we cannot look straight at our friend's face and say: "For the sake of your own people, for the sake of your region, you need to do better." And now, more than ever, before it takes the Chairmanship position of the OSCE, it must reform.

#### HONORING CAMERON CROOKS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron Crooks of Kansas City, Missouri. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron Crooks for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO CRAIG RHODES

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Craig Rhodes, park officer and maintenance supervisor for the Marshall County Conservation Board, and to express my appreciation for his 37 years of public service to his community.

Craig began as a seasonal employee in the summers of 1969 and 1970 with the Marshall County Conservation Board. In 1971, he applied for a maintenance position that opened up and was offered the position. Craig kept the area parks, wildlife areas, prairies, river access sites and trails maintained for the public use. During his years at the Conservation Board, Craig's hard work has earned him respect and appreciation from citizens and visitors around the region.

I commend Craig Rhodes for his many years of loyalty and service to his fellow Iowans. It is an honor to represent Craig in the United States Congress, and I know my colleagues join me in wishing him a happy and healthy retirement.

#### HONORING TIM MOREHOUSE

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Tim Morehouse combines the discipline of an Olympic medalist with the generosity of spirit that makes him a teacher in one of our poorer neighborhoods.

As a member of the United States sabre team, Tim won a Silver Medal at the Beijing Olympics.

He began fencing in seventh grade at Riverdale Country Day School, and switched to the sabre from the foil in the eighth grade. His skill got him recruited by Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. There he became one of the top college fencers in the country, qualifying for the NCAA championships three times.

At Brandeis, Tim was a history major and served as a resident adviser for 2 years. After graduating, he became a part of Teach for America, an education consortium that aims to bridge the achievement gap between different socio-economic groups. Morehouse went to Intermediate School 90 in Washington Heights as a 7th-grade English and social studies teacher.

As a former teacher I am proud of Tim Morehouse for his abilities as an Olympian, but even more so for his dedication to helping others. He is an example of the scholar-athlete who, having achieved his goals, then helps others to achieve theirs.

We are proud of Tim Morehouse. To be an Olympian takes dedication and training, and a lot of both. It takes a different kind of dedication to devote your life to helping others. I congratulate Tim for being superb on both counts.

#### CONGRATULATING HURST MAIN POST OFFICE AS A VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM STAR SITE

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hurst Main Post Office for being certified as a Star site in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, Voluntary Protection Program, VPP. The Hurst Main Post Office is one of three postal VPP sites in the Fort Worth area.

The Voluntary Protection Program promotes success through effective worksite safety and health. Approval into the Voluntary Protection Program is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's way of officially recognizing the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who uphold exemplary occupational safety practices.

The distinction as a "Star" site displays Hurst Main Post Office's sustained excellence in all areas of safety and health management systems. This excellence stems from strong leadership, participation, and commitment to quality.

I commend the Hurst Main Post Office upon their receipt of this distinction for their commitment to exercising safe and healthful working conditions. Their efforts serve as an example to all, and I am proud to be their representative in the 26th District of Texas.

#### HONORING MAXWELL BOWERS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Maxwell Bowers of Kearney, Missouri. Maxwell is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1397, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Maxwell has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Maxwell has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Maxwell Bowers for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO NAVY COMMANDER DAVID ASJES

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Navy Commander David Asjes of Ames, Iowa as a recipient of a Bronze Star

Medal for his heroic achievements during combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Bronze Star, the Department of Defense's fourth highest award given, is awarded to individuals for bravery, heroism, and meritorious service.

Commander Asjes earned the Bronze Star as a military personnel assigned individually for his expertise in coordinating air combat operations, organizing ground units and executing tactical air operations. Commander Asjes served in Iraq from October 13, 2007 to April 2, 2008. He has honorably served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years.

Commander Asjes' sacrifices, heroism and hard work illustrate the compassion and professionalism of America's troops. I commend Navy Commander David Asjes' courageousness and service to our great nation and consider it an honor to represent Commander Asjes and his family in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues join me in wishing him the best in his future service to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO PROTECTION &  
ADVOCACY INC.

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Protection & Advocacy Inc. for their 30 years of advocacy in California on behalf of the disabled. Following the 1975 reports of abuse and neglect at a State institute called Willowbrook, Congress mandated and began to fund Protection and Advocacy systems across the Nation. In 1978, Protection & Advocacy Inc. was created as a nonprofit to advance human and legal rights of those with disabilities. The spirit and dedication of Protection & Advocacy Inc. still lives in their daily work. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring some of California's finest citizens.

For the past 30 years, Protection & Advocacy Inc. has advocated for Californians with disabilities that had been traditionally underserved. Since their first office opened in 1978 in my hometown of Sacramento, Protection & Advocacy Inc. has grown into 26 satellite offices throughout California. With more than 200 staff members, Protection & Advocacy Inc. provides services and information at community events, trainings and conferences. In order to properly represent the diverse community they serve, the staff members speak 15 different languages and more than half of their staff lives with disabilities themselves. Today, Protection & Advocacy Inc. is the largest disability advocacy agency in the Nation. It will soon be renamed Disability Rights California in order to more accurately reflect their mission.

As a response to congressional findings of abuse and neglect of individuals in residential care facilities, the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act was enacted in 1986. This allowed Protection & Advocacy Inc. the opportunity to provide legal representation to persons with psychiatric disabilities and conduct investigations of abuse and neglect.

Protection & Advocacy Inc. strives to create an inclusive society. In 1993 they became a

cross disability advocacy agency when Congress extended their role to protect and advocate for those who were not eligible for services under other programs. Their work now also focuses on improving daily life for people living with disabilities. This includes strengthening access to justice, correcting wrongs, enforcing rights, training individuals on self-advocacy and legal protections, public education, and building collaboration across advocacy groups.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Protection & Advocacy Inc.'s distinguished commitment to the well-being of the disabled community. Over the last 30 years, they have expanded their mission with the changing times and have been true champions of those living with disabilities. As the Protection & Advocacy Inc.'s staff, supporters, and constituents gather together to celebrate the organization's 30th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding work on behalf of Californians with disabilities.

HONORING BLANCA ALVARADO

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise with Congressman MIKE HONDA to honor Santa Clara County Supervisor Blanca Alvarado on her 28 years of elected service and wish her the best upon her retirement.

Supervisor Alvarado was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in March 1996 to complete my unexpired term upon my election to Congress. My colleague, MIKE HONDA had the pleasure of serving with Supervisor Alvarado during his term in office.

As the County Supervisor for the Second District, Blanca represented over 350,000 residents living in San Jose. Her district has one of the Nation's highest concentrations of racial diversity and poverty where the lack of opportunity is prevalent for many individuals and families.

During her time in office, Ms. Alvarado served on several committees as an engaged member of the board. As chair of the Children and Families' Committee, her efforts led to programs that focused on the comprehensive care of children and their families and reduced teen pregnancy. As chair of the Public Safety and Justice Committee, Supervisor Alvarado tackled issues of youth incarceration and provided productive alternatives to troubled youth other than incarceration. Her work established neighborhood programs to support anti-gang initiatives and she tirelessly pursued reforms that emphasized prevention and hope for the young residents of San Jose's poorest neighborhoods.

Additionally, Blanca served as an advocate for programs for incarcerated women and gave crucial support for programs and services for female inmates in county jail. Her work was so significant that the County Domestic Violence Council Conference presented her with its 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Always mindful of her cultural roots and the importance of ethnicity and race in America, Alvarado was the principal visionary behind the Mexican Heritage Plaza.

Blanca Alvarado has appointed more Latinas to commissions and committees than anyone else throughout her 28 years of service. This year, Ms. Alvarado launched the Latina Leadership Project in an effort to ensure that Latina leaders continue to have opportunities in Santa Clara County to serve their communities and inspire each other in their dreams of civic service.

It has been an honor for us to know Blanca Alvarado and on behalf of the many residents of the county of Santa Clara who have benefited from her leadership; we thank her and wish her the best upon her well-deserved retirement.

HONORING ROBERT AMSDEN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Amsden of Liberty, Missouri. Robert is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Robert has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Amsden for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE ORFORDVILLE  
JOURNAL AND FOOTVILLE NEWS

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Orfordville Journal and Footville News, which ceased publication on August 15, 2008, after nearly a century of chronicling the lives of families in the Orfordville area of Rock County, Wisconsin. Its dedicated owners and publishers, the Stewart family, kept the small weekly newspaper alive for 92 years. Upon its closing, the Journal-News was the second oldest business in Orfordville.

The first issue of the Orfordville Journal debuted on December 17, 1908, but it was not until 1916 that the Stewart family became its owners, when Ward A. Stewart purchased the struggling newspaper at age 22. Later that year, a young woman named Rose came to work for the Journal. Rose and Ward soon married on a Wednesday night in Orfordville, but only after the printing of that week's paper was complete.

This and countless other Stewart family anecdotes illustrate a behind-the-scenes picture of the Journal-News as a quintessential family business rooted in the community that

it served. Early on, the Stewarts relied on the assistance of several local women to create the weekly Orfordville Journal. The labor was painstaking and slow—all of the typesetting was completed by hand, letter by letter, and pages were printed using hand-rollers.

When the newspaper added the Footville News section in 1925, the Stewarts upgraded to a linotype typesetting machine to speed production and accommodate the growing territory. Rose Stewart typically ran the linotype with her son, George, by her side, sleeping in a cradle, and as he got older, standing by in a playpen. At age 8, George had already written his first story. When he later entered journalism school at the University of Wisconsin, he found himself firmly upon the path to a career in the newspaper industry.

George Stewart and his wife, Betty, eventually succeeded his parents as owners of the Journal-News. George and Betty ushered the Journal-News into the 21st century with modern, computer-aided production processes; even so, the paper never lost its community focus and homegrown appeal. I commend the Stewarts on their service to their community and look forward to their new venture, an online Orfordville area news website.

**A TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM CLAY, SR.: A CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER, GREAT LEGISLATOR AND A PERMANENT PART OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL LANDSCAPE**

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William Clay, Sr., my father, and a former United States Congressman from the 1st Congressional District in St. Louis, Missouri. Bill Clay has fought a long and historic battle in defense civil and human rights for all Americans throughout his life. His dedication and service to our Nation as a leader on education, labor rights and civil rights, aptly earns his place in the Missouri Walk of Fame and the privilege of being honored today before Congress.

William Lacy Clay, Sr. one of six children was born on April 30, 1931, in St. Louis, Missouri to Luella Hyatt and Irving Clay. He is happily married to his wife of 55 years Carol, and they have raised three children, Vicki, Michelle and William, Jr.

When Bill Clay was elected to Congress in 1968, he was the first African American member elected from Missouri and one of only two African American representatives from states west of the Mississippi River. Throughout his 16 terms in Congress, he gained a reputation as an effective legislator. A staunch advocate for civil rights and social justice, he also served as one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus. From 1991 to 1995 he chaired the House Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service and served as the Ranking Member on the Education and the Workforce Committee until he retired.

His success can largely be attributed to his belief that there were no permanent friends or permanent enemies in politics, just permanent interests. He was a true advocate for the people

that he represented, and he served them well. He's been credited with turning back racial discrimination throughout his career and remains an outspoken leader in our community. An accomplished author, he has documented the history of not only St. Louis, but the political arena throughout the Civil Rights era up to and including the present.

He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised, always seeking to give them a voice in Congress. During his tenure he authored the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Act, which provided \$375 million in federal loan guarantees for construction and renovation projects at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and played a key role in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, including efforts to reduce early grade class sizes by hiring 100,000 teachers nationwide.

Throughout his illustrious Congressional career, Clay co-sponsored 3,403 bills, of which 279 were enacted. Of the 248 bills that he sponsored, 16 were enacted. Bill Clay was the key sponsor of the transcendent Family and Medical Leave Act, the first bill signed into law by President Bill Clinton. This bill helped change the life of American families. He was instrumental in passing the Hatch Act which reformed the political activities of federal employees.

He continues to contribute to the American political landscape through his work as a successful author. He has authored several works including Just Permanent Interests: Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1991 (1992), which many view as essential American political reading. He continues to be a wonderful husband, loving father, and grandfather.

Madam Speaker, my father is my hero and I am proud to salute him for his lasting contributions to both our local St. Louis community and to our Nation. His outstanding leadership and sincere commitment to justice make him more than worthy of receiving our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Former Congressman William Clay, Sr. for his induction into the Missouri Walk of Fame and his legacy of serving our Nation.

**HONORING MICHAEL CASHIN**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Cashin of Platte City, Missouri. Michael is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Cashin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**TRIBUTE TO DAVID REHBEIN**

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Rehbein of Ames, Iowa, on being elected as the new national commander of The American Legion.

The American Legion is the United States' largest veterans organization. David is a member of the Ames Post No. 37. He is a U.S. Army veteran who served as an infantryman with the 4th and 1st Armored Divisions in Germany in 1970–1971. In July, David retired from the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory as a research metallurgist. He has served on the Iowa Commission on Veterans Affairs and represented Iowa on The American Legion's National Executive Committee.

I commend David Rehbein on his courageous service to our nation and for the many contributions he has made to the State of Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent David in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best serving in his new position.

**TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY "DOTTIE" JOHNSON**

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson on the occasion of her retirement from the United States Postal Service, South Florida District. Dottie will retire as manager of diversity development, and can look back on a proud career of service and distinction in community leadership.

A native Miamian, Dottie attended Miami Northwestern Senior High School where she graduated with several honors and awards. In order to further her education, she attended Miami Dade College majoring in criminology, postal management and public administration. In May 1996, she was trained and certified as a Federal mediator. In 1997, she completed several business courses at the University of Michigan. In October 2000, she was trained and certified as a global career development facilitator. In 2001, she was trained and certified as a county mediator. In October 2003, she was trained and certified as an organizational development practitioner.

She complemented her educational achievements with her involvement in various organizations such as the Florida Minority Business Council Inc.; Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP; South Florida Federal Executive Board Diversity Council; South Florida Federal Executive Board; South Florida Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.; Excel Academy Inc.; Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc.; The Historic Hampton House Community Trust, Inc.; North Dade Federal Community Development Credit Union; UP-PAC; Broward County Business and Professional Women's Network; and mentor at North Dade Middle School and Nathan B. Young Elementary.

Dottie has lectured to various audiences and has served as an instructor, facilitator and

motivational speaker on issues pertaining to affirmative action, women's issues, diversity awareness, community empowerment and workforce development. In addition, she is very active in the community and is often called upon to be a speaker, advisor, and/or mediator by local schools, colleges, universities, churches, local/Federal government, and civil and professional organizations.

In April 2000, she founded and currently serves as the president/CEO of The Portrait of Empowerment Inc., a not-for-profit community based organization. This organization is dedicated to enabling individuals and families to become self-sufficient, which ultimately will improve the economic development as well as the quality of life in the community-at-large. In May 2001, she graduated from the Interdenominational Theological Center with a certificate of theology in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2002, she was elected as the vice-mayor for the city of Opa-Locka, Florida, and also served as the interim mayor. She also serves as the volunteers' coordinator for the Carrie Meek Foundation, Inc.

This public servant is married to Roy Johnson, has two daughters, Roilanda and Tamika, and two grandchildren, Joshua and Nisiah. Dottie is known in the community as "Lady Justice".

It is an honor to have the privilege of knowing this valued leader of the Miami-Dade County community and beyond. I salute Mrs. Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson on behalf of a grateful community that she truly loves and cares for. Now, in retirement, she embarks upon new challenges in life and I am certain her legacy of greatness will only grow and develop as she enters this new phase of life. I wish her every happiness and success.

#### HONORING THE CHILDREN OF APPLETIME CHILDCARE CENTER

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota, Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the children of Appletime Childcare Center of Rogers, Minnesota, and the Trike-a-Thon they sponsored to help fight childhood cancer.

The children of Appletime Childcare Center worked hard to raise community support and resources with their families and friends through a Trike-a-Thon on May 16, 2008. Their efforts will support research at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the world's largest cancer research center. St. Jude's contributions to pediatric medicine have assisted doctors around the world in treating children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. This event demonstrated a remarkable commitment by these young Minnesotans to help others.

The story of this effort reached me by way of Sharon Wilson, a proud grandmother and constituent of mine from St. Paul whose grandson, Zach Schmitz, was one of the many children who worked so diligently to organize and complete this event. The Trike-a-Thon taught young children the importance of helping others while also introducing valuable concepts of bike riding safety. By combining the fun of riding bicycles and tricycles with charitable giving, the Trike-a-Thon was a wonderful

introduction to philanthropy for these youth, and an outstanding example for the rest of our community.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the children of Appletime Childcare Center and their successful Trike-a-Thon to fight childhood cancer.

#### HONORING BENJAMIN BRESLOW

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Breslow of Platte City, Missouri. Benjamin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin Breslow for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO HOWARD HODSON

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Howard R. Hodson, Sr., as the recipient of the 2008 Iowa Legionnaire of the Year Award by the American Legion for his servitude to this country and to the ideals of the American Legion. He was also awarded three other awards by the department commander and one award from the national commander.

The Legionnaire of the Year Award is presented every year to an outstanding member who has served the Legion and their community, state, and nation. Howard is a Vietnam veteran having served in the Army and is a member of the American Legion for forty-three years. In the American Legion, he has served as a post commander, post historian, post membership chairman, 3rd District senior vice commander, and as the membership chairman of the 3rd District.

I congratulate Howard R. Hodson, Sr. on his well-deserved award, and I'm certain that he will continue to serve this great nation and the American Legion. It is a great honor to represent Howard in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DALLAS CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to make my colleagues aware of an exciting new facility opening in my district. The Dallas Arts District will soon be home to the Dallas Center for Architecture.

Officially opening on October 7, 2008, the DCFA will add another facet to the ever-expanding Arts District in downtown Dallas. The Center will be at 1909 Woodall Rogers Freeway and will face the Woodall Rogers Plaza. In fact, the first exhibit at the DCFA will be about the soon-to-be-constructed plaza.

I am excited about this addition to the already world renowned arts district in my hometown. The DCFA is designed for those interested in learning more about the art and science of architecture and will feature a wide variety of exhibits on topics such as environmentally sustainable design, historic preservation, adaptive reuse of buildings, urban planning, and a personal interest of mine—brownfield redevelopment.

The DCFA, in addition to the exhibits for the public, will be a place of continuing education for the architecture community and the home of the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

I know this project is the culmination of the work of many people. Specifically I would like to acknowledge Tip Housewright, of the AIA, for being the commissioner of the Dallas Center for Architecture during its construction. This large project has been funded by gifts from 25 of the top local architecture firms and will be sustained by events hosted by the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Finally, as a Texan I need to note that the size of the Dallas Center for Architecture—it will cover over 9,000 square feet—will make it the second largest Center for Architecture in the Nation. It will be quite an asset in the continuing enhancement of Dallas.

#### COMMENDING BARTOW ELEMENTARY ACADEMY'S DESIGNATION AS A 2008 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

#### HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the faculty, staff, and students of Bartow Elementary Academy (BEA) for their designation as a 2008 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Bartow Elementary Academy achieved this distinguished honor as a school performing in the top 10 percent within the State of Florida in the category of schools with less than 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds. One of 320 schools in the nation to receive this honor, the Blue Ribbon reflects the dedication and commitment shared among faculty and students alike at BEA.

Bartow Elementary Academy has long displayed excellence in education. Earning an 'A'

all but one year since Florida first implemented school grades during the 1998–99 school year, BEA's teachers and students continue to distinguish themselves—helping students to continually achieve at high levels while making significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

Further, the school's willingness to explore creative new learning techniques and methodologies, such as "brain-based" learning, attributes to BEA's academic progress and ability to create varying curriculums when it comes to Sunshine State Standards.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Principal Carol Borders and her team of inspiring educators and extraordinary students. You're making a true difference in the lives of so many, and building communities that improve students' learning.

#### HONORING KYLE BORGESON

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Borgeson of Gladstone, Missouri. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1155, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Borgeson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAN DAVIS

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent heroic actions of Dan Davis of Badger, Iowa.

On Saturday, June 14th at 4:00 a.m., Dan heard the sound of popping tires when he looked outside and saw flames shooting out of the neighbor's house. He knew that two teens were in that home while their parents were away. Dan ran into the home and woke Hannah and Max Edwards, who were sleeping through the smoke alarms. Although the house and possessions were nearly a total loss, Dan, Hannah and Max made it out unharmed.

Dan's decisive decision making in such a critical situation goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country. His courage illustrates the compassion of Iowans; willing to do whatever it takes for a neighbor in need. I know my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Dan Davis on a job well done. It is an honor to rep-

resent such a compassionate Iowan in Congress, and I wish Dan the best in his future endeavors.

#### STENNIS CENTER PROGRAM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, for 6 years now, the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership has conducted a program for summer interns working in Congressional offices. This 6-week program is designed to enhance their internship experience by giving them an inside view of how Congress really works. It also provides an opportunity for them to meet with senior congressional staff and other experts to discuss issues ranging from the legislative process to the influence of the media and lobbyists on Congress.

The program is a joint effort of the Stennis Center and a collection of current and former senior congressional staff leaders who are serving as Senior Stennis Fellows. These fellows use their experience and expertise to design the program and to participate in each of the interactive sessions and panel discussions.

Interns are selected for this program based on their college record, community service background, and interest in a career in public service. This year, 21 outstanding interns, most of them juniors and seniors in college, who are working for Democrats and Republicans in both the House and Senate participated.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the interns for their participation in this valuable program and I thank the Stennis Center and the Senior Stennis Fellows for providing such a unique experience for these interns and for encouraging them to consider a future career in public service.

I ask that a list of 2008 Stennis Congressional Interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

Matt Beato, attending the College of William and Mary interning in the office of Rep. Brian Higgins.

Molly Box, attending the University of Wyoming interning in the office of Sen. Mike Enzi.

Geoff Browning, attending Loyola College interning in the office of Rep. James McGovern.

Chloe Cabot, attending the University of Wisconsin interning in the office of Sen. Herb Kohl.

Zach Chalett, attending New York University interning in the office of Rep. Jim McDermott.

Jason Chang, attending Brandeis University interning in the office of Rep. Emanuel Cleaver.

Shaun N. Christiansen, attending the University of Oregon interning in the office of Rep. Earl Blumenauer.

TJ Garrigan, attending Catholic University interning in the office of Rep. Robert Brady.

Mitch Hunter, attending Harvard University interning in the office of Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Jon Junig, attending the University of Rochester interning in the office of Rep. Tom Petri.

Jonathan Kay, attending Middlebury College interning in the office of Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Rebecca Lurie, attending the University of Maryland interning in the office of Rep. Robert Brady.

Grainne Lynn, attending Catholic University interning in the office of Rep. Robert Brady.

Chris Mickey, attending the University of Wyoming interning in the office of Sen. John Barrasso.

Kristina Nesse, attending the College of St. Benedict interning in the office of Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Jillian Petrella, attending William Smith College interning in the office of Rep. Brian Higgins.

Trevor Pierce, attending the University of Michigan interning in the office of Rep. John Campbell.

William Poindexter, attending Mississippi State University interning in the office of Sen. Thad Cochran.

Betsey Sawyer, attending Louisiana State University interning in the office of Sen. Thad Cochran.

Harrison Tome, attending the University of Pennsylvania interning in the office of Sen. John Barrasso.

Neil White, attending Princeton University interning in the office of Sen. Thad Cochran.

#### HONORING HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND STUDY CENTER

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, the Holocaust Museum and Study Center over the past 30 years has become an important museum, cultural and educational center for one of the greatest tragedies of history that must never be forgotten.

The museum originated in 1979 with the appointment of the Rockland County Holocaust Commission by the County Legislature. It opened its doors in 1988 dedicated to educate, examine and explore the history of the Holocaust. The museum uses educational programs, lectures, exhibitions, teaching training seminars, and commemoration ceremonies to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are not forgotten.

The Holocaust Museum and Study Center uses the witness of Holocaust survivors living in Rockland, stories of triumph and survival in the face of a highly efficient and determined Nazi death machine. The museum also includes the stories of Allied soldiers who, in defeating the Nazis, liberated the death camps.

Remembering and teaching the history of the Holocaust is essential if we are never to repeat its terrible events. The tragic events of Rwanda tell us that the lessons of the Holocaust are still to be learned.

The murder of six million Jews as well as millions more of Gypsies, the handicapped, Slavic peoples and others such as Communists, homosexuals, Jehovah Witnesses, and Socialists, just for being who they were must not be repeated.

The Holocaust Museum and Study Center teaches this dramatic lesson so that we never have to learn it again. It is a powerful force for good in a world that still needs it.



## HONORING STEPHEN GOTT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Stephen Gott of Liberty, Missouri. Stephen is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Stephen has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Stephen has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephen Gott for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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 TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
ALAN WHEAT
**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Alan Wheat, former Congressman who represented Missouri's 5th District from 1983 to 1994. Born to James Weldon and Emogene Wheat in San Antonio, Texas on October 16, 1951, Alan is one of three children.

Congressman Wheat made history by becoming one of the Nation's first African-Americans to represent a district with a white majority. Although it was suggested that he would only support African-American issues, one-third of Wheat's vote total in the primary came from white voters.

Throughout his career, Congressman Wheat earned the widely respected reputation of being a strong political leader and coalition builder. This well earned reputation led to him becoming the youngest member and only the third freshman Congressman in history to be appointed to the powerful Rules Committee. Dedicated to public service, Congressman Wheat ran for the U.S. Senate in 1994, won the Democratic primary and became the first minority candidate selected as a major party nominee for statewide office in Missouri. When Congressman Wheat made his bid for the Senate, he was described as "a new kind of black candidate: not simply a representative of black America but a bridge-builder between black and white America."

In 1995, Wheat became vice president of public policy and government relations for the CARE Foundation, an international relief and development organization, one of the largest of its kind in the Nation.

In 1998, Congressman Wheat formed Wheat Government Relations. With his unparalleled knowledge of the legislative process and his reputation for promoting bipartisan support, Wheat Government Relations has established him as a successful, bipartisan liai-

son between the government and the private sector.

Congressman Wheat holds a Bachelor of Arts from Grinnell College. He is married to Yolanda and has three children.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to induct Congressman Wheat into the Missouri Walk of Fame. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Congressman Alan Wheat for his commitment to the great state of Missouri.

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 RECOGNIZING THE BIRTHDAY OF  
DR. CLAYTIE ODESSA SEARCY
**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a great leader in the Dallas community: Dr. Claytie Odessa Searcy. Dr. C. O. Searcy was Pastor Emeritus and Founder of "The House of Love Church." A native Texan, Dr. Searcy made history by becoming the first Black woman to receive a Masters degree from the University of Texas. She was the second person in the history of the university to complete a Masters program in only nine months.

Dr. Searcy first began community work at the Moorland Branch YMCA in Dallas, Texas. Concerned about the boys' moral and spiritual life, she secured bibles for the entire boy's division and recognizing the need to strengthen the "total family", she organized a mothers' club which provided funds to send underprivileged boys to camp each summer.

Dr. Searcy launched her community activities when she founded the C.O. Searcy Youth Foundation. The C.O. Searcy Foundation enabled Dr. Searcy to provide food, clothes, household merchandise and other much needed items to the families of her community. She offered the adults and youth extended GED courses in conjunction with the Dallas Independent School District.

In 1966, Dr. Searcy then organized The House of Love Church, where she served as Pastor Emeritus. As Pastor Emeritus of the House of Love Church, Dr. Searcy spent her life serving others. When asked what "life" means to her, her response was, "Life is about helping someone else see who he/she really is." Today, Madame Speaker, I would like to celebrate the full life of Dr. Claytie Odessa Searcy, on this the occasion of her birthday.

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 HONORING JOSEPH LANDERS III
**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Landers III of Smithville, Missouri. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1412, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Landers III for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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 TRIBUTE TO RICHARD AVISE
**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipient of the Iowa National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Federation's Community Service Award, Richard "Dick" Avise of Rockwell, Iowa for his longtime community service efforts.

For 48 years, Dick has volunteered his time to improving the Rockwell Community. Among many other accomplishments, Dick helped establish apartments for retirees, served as President and Secretary of the Rockwell Chamber of Commerce, grew and donated sweet corn for over a decade to the Rockwell Annual Chicken Barbecue, arranged the 1994 Ziedler Park Lion's Club Tree Project, and assisted the Cerro Gordo Extension Crop Clinics for 15 years. Dick's dedication to his community and his commitment to his organization should be commended.

A year after celebrating his 80th birthday, Dick continues his community service and remains active as the NARFE Chapter 170 Alzheimer Chair. I consider it an honor to represent Dick Avise in Congress, and I wish him the best in the future.

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 RECOGNIZING MRS. BILLIE JOHNSON'S  
ADMISSION TO THE OHIO  
WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME
**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with pride to recognize the entry into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame of Billie Johnson of my District. Mrs. Johnson is a founder of the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio. She has been a leader of elder and women's issues throughout her accomplished career.

Billie Johnson can claim many "firsts": she was the first African American elected Governor of Zonta International—District 5, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky; she was the first African American woman elected to the Board of Directors of National City Bank; she was appointed by former Governor James A. Rhodes to serve two terms on one of Ohio's first Women's Advisory Boards to recognize the achievements of women throughout the state and to improve opportunities and employment for women; she organized efforts to incorporate under Ohio law the first regional, non-profit office on aging in northwest Ohio; she launched the first SeniorNet Program in northwest Ohio—an affiliate of national



SeniorNet Inc.—that helped older citizens learn how to use computers and navigate the internet; fostered the development of the first information and assistance programs in Lucas County for grandparents and other kin who are raising children; she established the first Elder Friendly Program for Toledo—affiliated with the national Elder Friendly Program—with the assistance of the former Toledo Mayor Jack Ford, to help improve services and accessibility for older citizens shopping in retail stores and local businesses; she fostered the creation of a Senior Safety program for older citizens; and she spearheaded the organization of the first campaign to get a Senior Citizens Tax Levy on the ballot in Lucas County to help increase meals for homebound elders, expand home care for the sick and frail elderly, provide more services of Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers, and expand services for senior centers.

Billie Johnson is widely regarded by her colleagues in the aging network. Her leadership fosters a spirit of cooperation, allegiance and loyalty which is rare. Evidence of her skill is the development of a master plan, in cooperation with many partners, for the re-use of the 42 acres of county-owned land surrounding the Area Office on Aging into a comprehensive, continuing care complex for older adults. As the Area Office on Aging's first and only Executive Director for three decades, Mrs. Johnson has helped in the creation and development of many senior centers, nutrition sites for seniors, transportation programs, health services, adult day care programs, home care, and numerous other services for older adults. She has been an advisor, consultant and speaker for numerous local, state, national and international organizations and agencies serving older persons including: Iowa Commission on Aging, Ohio Department of Aging, National Church Residences, National Council on Aging/NISH, National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Gerontology Program for the University of Toledo, and numerous Area Agencies on Aging located in Michigan, Ohio, Kansas and Iowa. She was even selected to participate in the United Nations World Conference on Women Forum in 1985 in Nairobi, Kenya. The International Federation on Aging later published excerpts of her white paper in a book entitled: "Global Aging."

More important than any professional achievement, Billie Johnson has carried forward the lessons learned at her grandmother's knee as she inspires and teaches her own daughter and granddaughters. She guides them in proud tradition and shows them by example how to be strong women in their own right.

I have counted on Billie Johnson's wise counsel throughout the years, as have many others in our region. She is a compassionate, caring, and dynamic woman, and a fine example to all as a Member of the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. I know I join with many across our state when I offer my warmest and heartfelt Congratulations!

IN HONOR OF DAVE PAVLICK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dave Pavlick

for his dedication to social justice on the occasion of the completion of his second 600 mile walk throughout southeastern Ohio to promote the Health Care for All Ohioans Act.

In coordination with the Single Payer Action Network (SPAN), Dave is ending his twenty-three day walk for Healthcare Justice in Parma, Ohio. The purpose of the walk is to promote the Health Care for All Ohioans Act and to raise awareness of the plight of millions of Americans who are underinsured or without healthcare. Dave's walk across southeastern Ohio has garnered attention and support from people all over the State of Ohio and has raised our collective consciousness of one of the biggest issues facing Americans today. I, along with SPAN and the United Auto Workers Local 1005 join in welcoming Dave back to Parma at tonight's "Welcome Home Dave" celebration.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Dave Pavlick, and in recognition of his outstanding commitment to social justice and promoting healthcare for all Ohioans.

UNLESS U HAVE WALKED IN OUR SHOES

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

UNLESS U HAVE WALKED IN OUR SHOES

(By Brock DeAngelo)

My name is Brock, I am 13 years old. I will make a difference in a world that refuses to hear our voices. We deserve a voice. And that voice should be our own. We live in a nation that offers "Freedom of Speech." Not only should we be heard but we should be offered respect. Please join me in a mission that is all about U. Contact me at [unlesuwalked@aol.com](mailto:unlesuwalked@aol.com).

My name is Brock, Brock DeAngelo. For years I would have loved any last name but mine. Then one day I realized, it's not the name that makes a person; it's the person that makes the name.

I then decided I will change the vicious cycle behind my last name. The mental and physical abuse, the evilness and malicious lies stop with me.

I will show my brother and one day my children; that a man with great pride and integrity stands in front of the "DeAngelo" name. And it began with me, Brock!

The courts cursed me with a Guardian ad Litem. I can honestly say she never listened to a word I said. She was too busy trying to twist my situation around to suit her views. It was a little hard for her to accomplish since everytime we met the stories on my behalf were always the same. Funny thing about "the truth", it's consistent.

She was the first of many disappointments. Children's Services made me a promise that they never followed through with (no thanks to my ad Litem).

In the end, the person that does not deserve a title to fatherhood, saved his own reputation. He agreed to leave me alone. Unfortunately not every one is as lucky.

I am asking U to join me on my quest, to become a voice and to make what U have to say important.

I have discussed this matter with my attorney, met with a Special Assistant to Tim

Ryan and discussed this matter with Sandra Harwood, State Representative, 65th House District.

My goal is for Congress to not only hear us but to act upon our intelligence. In order for U to be recognized, we must fight together. U are old enough to know right from wrong. The courts need to listen. U are the future.

CHILDREN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

DECLARATION I

Congress shall allow no law that endangers a child's physical, emotional or physiological well-being.

DECLARATION II

Congress shall encourage all states to provide standardized legal representation of children and their specific issues in legal domestic disputes, regardless of state jurisdiction or residence.

DECLARATION III

A child shall be guaranteed an equal voice in determining court-ordered visitations with parents or guardians as well as the continuation of those visits.

DECLARATION IV

No child shall be forced to endure ongoing physical, emotional, or verbal harm by a parent, guardian or other individual.

DECLARATION V

No child shall be forced to return to the care of a parent or legal guardian who has been convicted of certain civil crimes or any felony, unless they themselves desire it.

DECLARATION VI

Accusations by a child concerning ongoing parental misconduct shall be investigated within twenty-four hours and taken seriously until otherwise proven false.

DECLARATION VII

The child physical, emotional and physiological well-being shall be of the utmost concern when determining their possible court testimony against a parent, guardian or other adult.

DECLARATION VIII

A child shall have a voice in determining the need for restraining orders against a parent, guardian or other adult.

DECLARATION IX

Reports from doctors, physiologists, social workers and other professionals and para-professionals shall be given the highest priority when determining parental rights, visitations, and other issues concerning the emotional and physiological well-being of the child.

DECLARATION X

The rights of all other citizens shall be applied with equal conviction to all children.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RANDALL C. FERGUSON, JR.

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Mr. Randall C. Ferguson, Jr., an important resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent. This week, Mr. Ferguson is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions

to Missouri. Randall is a retired executive from the IBM Corporation. He spent 29 years with IBM in various sales, management, and executive positions. His last position at IBM was senior location executive for the Kansas City region and senior state executive for Kansas and Missouri with responsibility for programs and policy implementation essential to IBM's interests, reputation and involvement relating to both the internal IBM community of 900 employees, and to the outside community. His responsibilities also included government relations, community relations, and all IBM philanthropic grants.

After IBM, he was recruited to be the senior vice president for business growth and member connections for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. His responsibilities included membership, technology, small business activities, aviation, minority business alliances, the economic advisory board, and the world trade center.

Randall holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration with honors from Walton School of Business, University of Arkansas. Throughout his life, Mr. Ferguson has exercised a tireless belief in the principle of putting "others" before "self." He has put his principles to practice, and the effects of his efforts can be felt throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. Recognizing his business acumen, Great Planes Energy, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Shelter Insurance voted him on to their corporate boards.

Civically, Randall serves on 12 boards in the greater Kansas City area with varied interests such as energy, healthcare, education, economic development and technology, employment, and diversity in such areas as race, sex, and religion. In all of his activities, he demonstrates his dedication and commitment to the greater good of others. His high energy pace translates directly to the results he is able to obtain for the benefit of all in the greater Kansas City area. Regardless of whether he is in the trenches or the boardroom, his poise and thoughtfulness is ever present. For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and a privilege to recognize Randall Ferguson, Jr. at the Missouri Walk of Fame reception, hosted by myself and fellow Missourian, U.S. Representative WM. LACY CLAY of St. Louis.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Randall Ferguson, Jr. and his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri. He is a true role model not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire African-American community-at-large. May his success serve as a stepping-stone for many other African-Americans eager to be just as successful in their endeavors. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work he has done, it is a heartfelt gesture to a heartfelt friend, taking strength from the lives he has touched in our hometown.

#### COMMEMORATING SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the 6th Annual Sea Otter

Awareness Week, September 22–28, 2008, sponsored by Defenders of Wildlife. This weeklong event provides the opportunity to educate the broader public about sea otters, their natural history, the integral role that sea otters play in the near-shore marine ecosystem, and the conservation issues they are facing.

In the early 1700s, before wide-scale hunting began, sea otters ranged across the North Pacific rim from Japan to Baja, California. The worldwide population estimates for that time range from the hundreds of thousands to possibly a million or more. Before the hunting began, there were approximately 16,000–20,000 along California's coast. Killing these animals for their fur brought down their numbers until they were thought to be extinct off California by the early 1900s.

But they were not driven completely to extinction. In the 1930s a small population, less than 100, was discovered that had escaped the hunt in a remote cove on a coastal ranch in Big Sur on the central coast of California. Since that time, groups such as Defenders of Wildlife, Friends of the Sea Otter, and The Ocean Conservancy have raised public awareness and helped protect this important species under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

The presence of the California sea otter has become an icon of the State's coastal environment and culture, and these charismatic animals bring significant tourism revenue to Californian coastal communities. The spring census conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey this year counted 2,760 animals, down 8.8 percent from last year, and their range extends along the central coast from Half Moon Bay to Pt. Conception.

These numbers are significantly less than what is necessary to consider the population stable and their population growth in recent years is slower than their cousins in Alaska. Researchers are beginning to identify indirect hazards for sea otters such as non-point source pollution, pathogens, and entrapment in fisheries' gear that are causing their population growth to slow. Such realizations support the need for continued research and preventive measures to respond to these issues, while continuing to ward against the direct killings/takings that still occur.

The decline of southern sea otters off the California coast not only impacts the species itself, but it affects other marine populations and the surrounding ecosystem. They are what scientists refer to as a keystone species. This means that they are integrally important to the ecosystem in which they live. For example, the demise of sea otters allows their prey, sea urchins, to proliferate unchecked, which leads to the alarming overgrazing of kelp beds—one of the ocean's nursery grounds for many marine animals. In particular, research shows that the absence of sea otters has a direct link to the sharp decline of kelp along portions of California's coast.

The sea otter is also what scientists refer to as a sentinel or an indicator species. In this way, the sea otters are the canaries in the coal mine for our coastal health. The sea otters are all too effective at monitoring toxins and diseases in the marine environment, which can affect the health of humans and other wildlife.

California has taken the first step toward addressing these emerging concerns by signing

into law California Assembly Bill 2485, which establishes a State fund for sea otter conservation. Again this year Californians had the option of donating a portion of their tax returns to sea otter conservation. I want to emphasize that this means that Californians voluntarily pay a little more on their tax return to help protect these animals. To date, this has raised almost \$270,000.

However, this is a federally protected species and California cannot go it alone. In addition to working with my colleagues to secure Federal funds to support a continued and complete recovery of the population, I introduced H.R. 3639, the southern sea otter Recovery and Research Act. Earlier this year, the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing about the southern sea otter and the management of these populations.

Dr. James Estes from the University of California, Santa Cruz; Andrew Johnson, from the Monterey Bay Aquarium; and Jim Curland from Defenders of Wildlife testified on the state of the sea otter populations. I and my colleagues have sought their knowledge and expertise, along with other Federal, State, and local experts and citizens to provide for research and recovery programs for the southern sea otter.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the many accomplishments of Defenders of Wildlife, who carry out the important mission to preserve our Nation's wildlife and habitat. I also applaud the other non-profit environmental organizations, working with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, researchers, fishermen, State and Federal agencies, schools, and many other institutions and individuals, who devote tremendous effort to protect and recover the southern California sea otter. Sea Otter Awareness Week is just one of their many activities geared towards honoring and saving this species, and I am proud to be associated with this vital work.

HONORING JUDGE HAROLD  
BAREFOOT SANDERS, JR.

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I mourn the passing of one of my political heroes, the legendary U.S. District Judge Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr.

Madam Speaker, Judge Sanders is best known for overseeing a desegregation plan for the Dallas Independent School District from the 1980s until 2003. Judge Sanders also directed the overhaul of state schools for mentally retarded people and served as a legislative counsel to President Lyndon Johnson.

Madam Speaker, from his core, Judge Sanders symbolized civil rights. He knew that fairness took work, and his diligence is why he was able to make history and inspire a generation of my Texas colleagues. As an assistant attorney general in the Department of Justice, he was credited with helping pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As a Texas legislator, he helped write the Texas Mental Health Code. And as a federal judge, in a ruling that I believe took more courage than any other, he declared Dallas' segregated schools illegal.

Madam Speaker, President John F. Kennedy appointed Judge Sanders as U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas in 1961.

President Jimmy Carter elevated him to the federal bench in 1979. Judge Sanders was a help to me personally with my acclaimed national and international Peace Initiative. His counsel and assistance were instrumental to its success. I know Judge Sanders as a man revered for his intellect and compassion. I will truly miss him; the void he is leaving will not soon be filled.

Madam Speaker, Judge Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., born in Dallas, graduated from North Dallas High School in 1942 and went on to serve as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1946. He received his law degree from the University of Texas in 1950 and served three terms in the Texas Legislature. In 1952 he married Jan Scurlock, who survives him. He is also survived by daughters Martha Kay Crockett of Dallas and Mary Frances Korsan of Santa Monica, CA; a sister, Martha Ann Schneider of Dallas; brother, Charles Addison Sanders of Durham, NC; and 10 grandchildren.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE "INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITOR AND COMMUNITY BANK PROTECTION ACT OF 2008"

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the "Individual Depositor and Community Bank Protection Act of 2008," which raises the federal deposit insurance limit from the current \$100,000 to \$200,000. This upward adjustment in the federal deposit insurance limit is long overdue. The last increase in the deposit insurance limit—to the current \$100,000—was made 28 years ago, in 1980, the year Ronald Reagan was first elected President. This has been the longest period in history in which there has been no raise in the deposit insurance maximum. Since 1980, our nation's economy has changed, with an undeniable increase in income, prices, and wealth. By failing to raise the deposit insurance limit in kind, Congress has effectively weakened the federal guarantee underlying deposit insurance.

Deposit insurance, established in response to the financial meltdown of the 1930s that led to the Great Depression, is vital to consumer confidence and to the stability of our nation's banking system. It also is an effective mechanism for ensuring that small community banks can maintain a competitive position vis à vis large national banks. Large banks are not as dependent as small ones on deposit insurance because they are categorized as "too big to fail" and will be protected by the federal government should they run into financial trouble. As a result, they have a competitive advantage in securing depositors and in providing loans. Small community banks enjoy no such protection and, as a result, depend on a robust federal deposit insurance guarantee to reassure consumers that their money is safe in a community bank. Weakening deposit insurance effectively gives a competitive upper hand to the ever-shrinking number of large national banks and, in the long run, will limit the vitality and competitiveness of our nation's banking industry.

At this moment of economic crisis and deep financial uncertainty for millions of Americans, I urge my colleagues to support this straightforward and long-overdue raise in the federal insurance deposit limit. It is vital to maintaining our nation's financial stability, ensuring a solid foundation for economic growth, promoting competition in the banking industry, and reassuring an anxious nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to explain my reason for missing votes on September 11 and 15, 2008. My voting percentage is over 96 percent for the 110th Congress, and I rarely miss votes, but felt it was extremely important to be home in Houston, Texas while my neighbors and constituents were making preparations for Hurricane Ike and to help recovery efforts in the immediate aftermath. The storm made landfall early Saturday morning, and by the time it passed Houston Saturday afternoon, it had caused the largest power disruption in the state's history, along with tremendous flood and wind damage. There are still nearly two million people in the Houston area without power, and many without water. When I left yesterday to fly back to Washington, significant relief efforts by Federal, State, and local emergency officials were just getting underway.

There is still a tremendous amount of work to be done, and I ask for everyone's thoughts and prayers as Houston and the Gulf Coast recover from this devastating storm.

Had I been present to vote, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 585, on Approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye";

On rollcall vote No. 586, H. Res. 1344, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to the resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, I would have voted "aye";

On rollcall vote No. 587, H. Res. 6532, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to the Senate Amendment to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance, I would have voted "aye";

On rollcall vote No. 588, on Motion to Adjourn, I would have voted "aye";

On rollcall vote No. 589, H. Res. 1200, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree as amended, a resolution honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families, I would have voted "aye";

On rollcall vote No. 590, H. Con. Res. 390, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree as amended, a resolution honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States, I would have voted "aye";

On rollcall vote No. 591, H. R. 6889, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, a bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye";

EL CENTRO FIRE CHIEF BENNIE BENAVIDEZ INDUCTED INTO THE NAVY FIREFIGHTER HALL OF FAME

#### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize Bennie Benavidez, retired NAF El Centro Fire Chief, who was inducted into the Navy Firefighter Hall of Fame at the 2008 Navy and Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services Awards Luncheon on August 14, 2008 in Denver, Colorado.

Chief Benavidez is the first nominee and first inductee from the Navy Region Southwest into the Hall of Fame, which was created three years ago. He was selected by the 13 Regional Fire Chiefs as a person whose contributions should be recognized for posterity.

He served his country for many years in a Navy Fire Career which included rapid promotions: Firefighter 1955–1956, Engineer 1956–1960, Captain 1960–1973, Assistant Chief 1973–1974, and Fire Chief 1974–1983. Upon his retirement, he was appointed as the Fire Chief of the Imperial County Fire Department and served for an additional 15 years, working to improve the training and safety of fire fighting personnel.

Bennie Benavidez's love of the fire service was passed along to one of his sons, who rose to the rank of Engineer with a local fire department before his death in the line of duty. He keeps his son's memory alive through his community support and charitable contributions to the Burn Institute and local hospitals.

His accomplishments fill several pages. Some examples follow. He received Congressional recognition for "outstanding and invaluable service to the community." He was recognized as "Imperial Man of the Year" by the California State Assembly. He was appointed as Deputy State Fire Marshal for the state of California. He received a commendation from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. One of his primary contributions has been to foster friendship and cooperation in firefighting training between Imperial County and friends just across the border in Mexico.

Some of his 20 memberships, past and present, include the Imperial County Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, California State Firefighters Association, Southern California Earthquake Preparedness Committee, Elks Lodge #1325, American Legion Post #25, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Korean War Veterans Association, and Member of several Imperial County Committees regarding the environment, hazardous materials, and community economic development.

It is impossible to thank Bennie Benavidez for all his contributions, throughout his career and in volunteer activities within his community. The occasion of his induction into the Navy Firefighter Hall of Fame is an appropriate time to recognize him, his contributions, and the most prestigious honor that has been bestowed upon him.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, September 18, 2008, I was absent from the House. Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 610, "nay"—H.R. 3036—To Amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

On rollcall No. 611, "nay"—H.R. 3036—Providing for consideration of H.R. 3036, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

On rollcall No. 613, "yes"—H.R. 3036—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions of the No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.

On rollcall No. 614, "nay"—H.R. 3036—On Passage of the No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.

On rollcall No. 615, "nay"—H.R. 6460—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended.

# COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESOURCE CENTER OF DALLAS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, this September marks the 25th anniversary of the Resource Center of Dallas, a long standing institution in the 30th Congressional District of Texas. The center's parent organization—the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, later known as the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance—incorporated what was then called the Foundation for Human Understanding in 1983.

In 1988, the center established the Nelson-Tebedo Clinic for treatment, clinical drug trials and HIV testing. Today, the renamed Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center also offers HIV dental, STD testing and treatment, medical case management, insurance assistance, prevention and transgender health services. Nutritional services are available as well as hot lunches.

To recognize the history of and the struggle for GLBT rights in Dallas, the Phil Johnson Historic Archives and Research Library was established at the Community Center in 1994. The Library also operates a 24-hour information helpline, which first started in 1985.

In 1998, the Foundation for Human Understanding changed its name to the Resource Center of Dallas. It operates the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, named after the founding executive director, and the Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center. Through its health and medical services, the center is a leader in HIV/AIDS education, prevention and services, and provides a full spectrum of STD prevention education, screenings and treatments.

More than 1,100 volunteers and a paid staff of 44 make the Resource Center of Dallas one

of the largest centers of its kind in the United States. More than 50,000 people each year use the Resource Center through its programs and services. From its roots as an advocacy group for civil rights regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, the center continues its dual mission: to develop programs and offer services for the GLBT community, as well as individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS.

## RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO COLONEL FRANCIS M. MUNGAVIN

**HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force, I want to recognize Colonel Francis M. "Mike" Mungavin for his 40-plus years of dedicated service to our country. In his most recent assignment, he serves as the Commander, Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service and Director of Recruiting, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. In this role, he exercises command and oversight to over 450 military and civilian personnel worldwide at over 45 main operating locations and serves as the principal advisor to the AFRC commander on all matters relating to recruiting.

Colonel Mungavin enlisted in the Air Force in November 1968, and served 10 years prior to receiving his commission through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. Prior to entering Recruiting Services, Colonel Mungavin served as member of the security forces for 32 years on active duty, as a civilian and within the Air Force Reserve Command as a Traditional Reservist and Air Reserve Technician. During this time, he conceived, developed, implemented and commanded the Air Force Reserve Patriot Warrior Program providing our security force troops with required ground combat skills training.

Since taking command of Air Force Reserve Recruiting, Colonel Mungavin has developed and executed numerous initiatives resulting in the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) exceeding its annual recruiting goal for eight consecutive years. As the second largest Air Force Major Command, AFRC has been manned at greater than ninety-nine percent for the past seven consecutive years reversing a decade-long trend of failing to meet congressionally mandated end strength levels. He is directly responsible for accessing more than 72,037 airmen helping to transform the Air Force Reserve recruiter into the most productive within DoD.

Mike could not have been such a tremendous leader without the love and unfailing support of his lovely wife of 37 years, Arlene, and their two sons—Nick and Ryan.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Colonel Francis "Mike" Mungavin for his outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great nation. We wish him the best as he transitions into retirement. Colonel Mungavin is a true professional and a credit to himself and the United States Air Force Reserve.

## CONGRATULATING WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT'S SOLDIER RIDE—2008 HIGH DESERT CHALLENGE AND SPONSOR U-HAUL

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Wounded Warrior Project for its annual Soldier Ride—2008 High Desert Challenge and the sponsor of the challenge, U-Haul.

The nonprofit Wounded Warrior Project is a nonprofit organization that follows their mission, honors and empowers wounded veterans through raising public awareness, enlisting aid for those severely injured, and providing programs and services to those with special needs.

The Soldier Ride—2008 High Desert Challenge is a rehabilitative program that provides the opportunity for wounded veterans to regain an active lifestyle. This three-day bicycle ride from Phoenix to Las Vegas is a remarkable way to honor those wounded during their brave service to our country and to raise money to further the mission of the Wounded Warrior Project.

I congratulate the Wounded Warriors Project for recognizing the significant sacrifices these soldiers have made for our country and community, and continuing to serve these brave men and women through fundraising projects such as the Soldier Ride. I would also like to recognize U-Haul for sponsoring the event.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Wounded Warrior Project and their fundraising efforts, as well as their dedicated sponsor, U-Haul.

## GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Georgian Court University (GCU). For the past 100 years, Georgian Court has been a leader in higher education, encouraging intellectual inquiry, ethical professionalism, and community involvement. Founded as a women's college in 1908 by the Sisters of Mercy, Georgian Court is dedicated to the success of women. The Women's College at GCU provides a liberal arts education tailored to women's learning styles and an environment conducive to achievement. Georgian Court's Women in Leadership Development program is one of the most powerful programs for young women today. By participating in university committees, making presentations, lobbying legislators, and networking with mentors, students develop the skills and tools needed by today's successful women leaders. In the 1970s, Georgian Court established a coeducational graduate program. Today, the University College caters to men and women adult students and offers flexible class schedules with online components at a number of locations throughout the state.

With 29 undergraduate and 8 graduate degree programs, Georgian Court University continues to develop new academic programs to meet the changing needs of the time. A new nursing program established in this Centennial Year will help stem the serious nursing shortage in our state. Accelerated and Executive M.B.A.s allow busy executives to gain the information they need to advance their careers. As 1 of only 50 NASA Educational Resource Centers, Georgian Court ensures that our children's teachers have the most up-to-date scientific information for their classrooms.

Georgian Court University has preserved the estate that comprises its campus and is on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register. Over the decades, GCU has added buildings to meet the growing student population—starting with 7 students in 1908 up to more than 3,000 today. Within the past several years, a new wellness center, residence hall, chapel, and science wing have been added to the Georgian Court landscape.

Georgian Court University is an economic force in Lakewood and the surrounding areas, providing employment to thousands over its 100-year history and fueling the local economy. The university is also a cultural gathering place for the community, bringing notable artists, musicians, poets, writers, and political figures to campus for lectures and concerts that are open to the public.

Sending teams of students and staff to poverty-stricken areas of Honduras to install water systems, to New Orleans to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, or right here in Lakewood to help provide the necessities of life for the homeless, Georgian Court University is a good neighbor and is committed to making the world a better place. Georgian Court is also an ecologically aware citizen, contributing to the sustainability of our environment. Its new wellness center complex has been built with energy efficiency in mind and is being considered for LEED—Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design—certification.

With an abiding commitment to its students, the community, and the greater good, I commend Georgian Court University on its 100 years of academic excellence and community service.

## SUNSET MEMORIAL

### HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is September 22, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,027 days since the tragedy called *Roe v. Wade* was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth

that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 13,027 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is September 22, 2008, 13,027 days since *Roe versus Wade* first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations  
African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Africa's management of its extractive industries.

SD-419

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term ending May 21, 2014.

SR-328A

Veterans' Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine cooperation and collaboration by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense on information technology efforts.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 Midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike.

SR-328A

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine domestic partner benefits for federal employees.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade.

SR-253

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine ways to respect Americans' choices at the end of life.

SD-562

10:45 a.m.

Judiciary

Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine extracting natural resources, focusing on corporate responsibility and the rule of law.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) future preparedness planning.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the safety and security of spent nuclear fuel transportation.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the Bush Administration's environmental record at the Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

SD-419

Judiciary

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on mitigating risks to ensure the safety of all Americans.

SH-216

## SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the authorization of Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape techniques for interrogations in Iraq, focusing on the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in United States custody.

SD-106

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ways to prevent nuclear terrorism, focusing on hard lessons learned from troubled investments.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine broadband providers and consumer privacy.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) cleanup of the Superfund site in Libby, Montana.

SD-406

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 3259, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts, H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute, H.R. 1943, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons, S. Res. 659, A

resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day, the nominations of Clark Waddoups to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, George W. Venables to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, A. Brian Albritton to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and Dennis Michael Klein to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, all of the Department of Justice, and the authorization for subpoenas relating to the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel.

SH-216

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine ways to reduce the number of American families living in poverty.

SD-562

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider H.R. 1294, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 514, to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida, S. 724, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and S. 1058, to expedite review of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether the Bands are entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe so that the Bands may receive eligible funds before the funds are no longer available.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine addressing cost growth of major Department of Defense (DOD) weapons systems.

SD-342

Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Donetta Davidson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, and Gineen Bresso Beach, of New York, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2009.

SR-301

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

SD-G50

3 p.m.	10 p.m.	CANCELLATIONS
Foreign Relations	Judiciary	SEPTEMBER 24
Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee	To hold hearings to examine S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute.	10 a.m.
To hold hearings to examine the Middle East peace process, focusing on progress and prospects.		Finance
		To hold hearings to examine infrastructure needs and the consequences of inaction.
SD-419	SD-215	SD-215